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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Copies of the non-U.S. references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are enclosed. A copy of a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application is also enclosed.

STATEMENT OF RELEVANCE

French Patent Application 2 356 296 (Document AG) discloses a laser, wherein at least part of the surface area of the laser medium has, compared to the wavelength of the laser radiation, large depressions with smooth surfaces which are disposed in a well-defined geometric pattern to prevent total reflections of the natural fluorescent radiation.

German "Gebrauchsmuster" 296 21 859 (Document AH) discloses a diode-pumped laser comprising an extended rod-shaped crystal which is disposed in its longitudinal direction between an in-coupling mirror and an out-decoupling mirror of a resonator, and a pumping source which comprises a plurality of laser diodes and whose pumping light is coupled to the crystal via the in-coupling mirror, and guided in the crystal through total internal reflection.

German Unexamined Patent Application 28 44 129 (Document AJ) discloses a YAG:Nd fiber laser comprising a fiber laser which is surrounded by a transparent surface of a lower refractive index and has mirrors at its ends, and is pumped in a longitudinal direction by a semiconductor light emitting diode. The light emitting diode extends over the entire front surface of the core and cladding, and the cladding is surrounded by a sleeve having mirrors on the contact surface. Part of the pumping light is irradiated into the cladding and impinges on the active laser material after reflection at the mirrored inner sleeve surface. This permits use of light emitting diodes of a lower radiation density.

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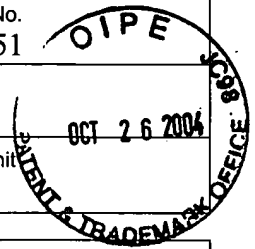


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